



# **CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

## **SPECIAL MEETING April 23, 2009 COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Marty Blum called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Blum.

### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Iya G. Falcone, Dale Francisco, Roger L. Horton, Grant House, Helene Schneider, Das Williams (2:09 p.m.), Mayor Blum.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator James L. Armstrong, City Attorney Stephen P. Wiley, Deputy City Clerk Brenda Alcazar.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one wished to speak.

### **NOTICES**

The City Clerk has on Monday, April 20, 2009, posted this agenda in the Office of the City Clerk, on the City Hall Public Notice Board on the outside balcony of City Hall, and on the Internet.

## **CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS**

### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Subject: Fiscal Year 2010 Recommended Operating And Capital Budget Hearings (230.05)**

Recommendation: That Council hear presentations from General Fund departments on their recommended Fiscal Year 2010 budgets.

#### **Documents:**

- April 23, 2009, report from the Finance Director.
- City of Santa Barbara Recommended Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2010.
- April 23, 2009, PowerPoint presentations prepared and made by staff.
- Affidavit of Publication.

#### **Public Comment Opened:**

2:04 p.m.

#### **Speakers:**

- Staff: Assistant Finance Director Bob Samario, Administrative Services Director Marcelo A. López, Human Resources Manager Barbara Barker, City Administrator James Armstrong, Assistant to the City Administrator Nina Johnson, City TV Production Supervisor Tony Ruggieri, Employee Relations Manager Kristy Schmidt.
- Members of the Public: George Green, Service Employees International Union, Local 620.

#### **Discussion:**

Assistant Finance Director Bob Samario provided a summary of the departments that will be making presentations of their proposed budgets and mentioned that the next public hearing related to the budget will be held on Monday, May 4, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.

Administrative Services Director Marcelo López provided an overview of the Administrative Services Department, its mission, structure and functions/services provided by each division. He presented the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2010, including cost reductions, workforce reductions, and service level impacts. He also spoke about the Department's P3 Program accomplishments and highlights. Staff answered the Councilmembers' questions. Council commented on the City's Learning for Excellence and Achievement Program (LEAP) and asked staff to research the possibility of further reductions to or suspension of the program.

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## **Fiscal Year 2010 Recommended Operating And Capital Budget Hearings (Cont'd)**

### **Discussion (Cont'd):**

Assistant to the City Administrator Nina Johnson provided an overview of the programs and current staffing of the City Administrator's Office. She then presented the proposed budget for the City Administrator's Office, including the Office's balancing strategy, service level impacts and contingency budget adjustments. Staff answered the Councilmembers' questions.

Ms. Johnson made a presentation on the proposed budget for the Mayor and Council Office, including its budget process, major activities and current staffing level. She also spoke about the proposed budget changes, balancing strategy and cost reductions.

Recess: 3:59 p.m. - 4:13 p.m. Councilmembers House and Williams were absent when the Council reconvened.

### **Speakers (Cont'd):**

Staff: City Attorney Stephen Wiley, Community Development Director Paul Casey, Community Development Programs Supervisor Sue Gray.

Councilmember House returned to the meeting at 4:17 p.m. Councilmember Williams returned to the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

### **Discussion:**

City Attorney Stephen Wiley presented the proposed budget for the City Attorney's Office, including expenditures, reductions in costs and workforce, potential impacts to service and contingency adjustments. Staff answered the Councilmembers' questions.

Community Development Director Paul Casey presented the proposed budgets for the Community Development Department and the City's Redevelopment Agency (RDA), including an overview of the Department's organization, completed and current RDA capital projects, RDA Housing Fund revenues, expenditures and potential projects, and the proposed budgets for Community Development Block Grant and Rental Housing Mediation Task Force Programs. He also presented the Department's strategy to balance its budget, including cost and workforce reductions, service level impacts and contingency adjustments. The Department's P3 Program highlights and changes were also presented. Staff responded to questions from the Councilmembers.

By consensus, the Public Hearing was continued to May 4, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Blum adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

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